Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The President of the United States and Congress have designated May 15, 2017, as National Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and May 14-20, 2017, as National Police Week; and,

Whereas, It is imperative we honor law enforcement officers, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have provided a dedicated service to their South Dakota communities, and in doing so, they have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens; and,

Whereas, It is important all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, perils, and sacrifices of the law enforcement officers who faithfully serve them; and,

Whereas, The men and women of law enforcement agencies across South Dakota unceasingly provide an essential public service; and,

Whereas, We recognize members of these law enforcement agencies for their service to South Dakota by safeguarding life and property, by protecting the people against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and,

Whereas, It is important to distinguish and honor the law enforcement officers who, through their dauntless efforts, have made the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives or suffering a disabling injury while serving their community and the state of South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Today we solemnly honor 66 fallen law enforcement officers who gave their lives in the line of duty so South Dakotans could maintain and enjoy their rights and freedoms; and,

Whereas, It is imperative for South Dakotans to remember it is not how these officers died that made them heroes, it is how they lived, what they meant to their families, how they supported their fellow officers, and the sense of security they brought to their community:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 17, 2017, as

PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fifth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State